Assistance for setting up Food Processing Units

2170. SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications received by Government during the last three years from all over the country, requesting financial assistance for setting up Food Processing Units, State-wise;

(b) the total number of applications cleared so far;

(c) the total financial assistance, alongwith the subsidy, provided for those units so far, State-wise, particularly for Tamil Nadu; and

(d) the total number of beneficiaries, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI) : (a) to (d) Ministry of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid to implementing agencies/entrepreneurs @25% of the cost of Plant and machinery and Technical Civil Work subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakh in difficult areas under the Scheme of Setting up/Modernization/Expansion of food processing industries. The details of applications received, sanctioned/released and number of beneficiaries for the three years from 2004-05 to 2006-07 are given in the Statement. (See below) As far as details regarding 2007-08 are concerned the position is as under:—

Earlier all the applications for such grants were received from all over the country through the State Nodal Agencies in the Ministry. These applications were then Centrally processed and grants disbursed in the Ministry itself. This used to involve avoidable delays. Hence, with a view to enlarge the outreach of this scheme to each nook and corner of the country, accelerate the pace of disposal and to take the Government to the door steps of the people, the whole procedure of receipt of application under the Scheme, its appraisal and calculation of grant eligibility as well as disbursement of funds has been completely decentralized from 2007-08. Under this new procedure any entrepreneur/applicant can file the application for grant with the neighbourhood Bank branch/Financial Institutions (FIs). The Bank/FIs then appraise the applications and calculate the eligible grants amount as per the detailed guidelines given to them by the Ministry in this regard. Banks/FIs appraisal report and recommendation for the grants is transmitted to the Ministry through an e-Portal which has been established for this purpose. After the recommendation is received from any Banks/FIs through the e-Portal, the Ministry sanctions the same and transfers the funds also through the same e-Portal.

Under the decentralized procedure, the applications are received directly by the Banks/FIs, hence the data for receipt of the applications for 2007-08 is not maintained centrally by the Ministry.

The total amount disbursed in Tamil Nadu State in 2007-08 is Rs. 26.12 crore and for all the States and UTs taken together is Rs. 119.36 crore.

Statement

Number of project applications received/approved/financial assistance provided during the years 2004-05, 2005-06 *and* 2006-07, *State-wise including of Tamil Nadu*

Sl. No.	State/UT	Received	Approved	Amount released (Rs. in lakhs)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Jammu and Kashmir	39	13	181.01
2.	Himachal Pradesh	50	23	366.35
3.	Punjab	74	68	1477.89
4.	Chandigarh	3	1	4.34
5.	Uttarakhand	61	.30	524.52
6.	Haryana	87	49	588.14
7.	Delhi	80	48	75.86
8.	Rajasthan	123	48	588.69
9.	Uttar Pradesh	174	124	1688.4
10.	Bihar	37	10	27.01
11.	Sikkim	3	2	0.00
12.	Arunachal Pradesh	6	1	0.00
13.	Nagaland	32	3	76.16
14.	Manipur	14	4	80.28
15.	Mizoram	6	0	10.15
16.	Tripura	3	2	0.00
17.	Meghalaya	6	4	59.90
18.	Assam	63	32	1236.18
19.	West Bengal	150	89	943.01
20.	Jharkhand	34	16	96.10
21.	Orissa	61	32	97.26
22.	Chhattisgarh	23	13	216.01
23.	Madhya Pradesh	102	50	426.35
24.	Gujarat	116	46	922.28

1	2	3	4	5
25.	Daman and Diu	1	0	0.00
26.	Maharashtra	390	204	2882.38
27.	Andhra Pradesh	239	104	2395.98
28.	Karnataka	163	76	1093.88
29.	Goa	10	5	95.16
30.	Lakshadweep	1	0	0.00
31.	Kerala	104	69	1043.70
32.	Tamil Nadu	228	127	1149.73
33.	Pondicherry	1	5	48.01
34.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	3	0	0.00
	All India	2487	1298	18394.73

Industrial capacity for processing fruits and vegetables

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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the industrial capacity for processing fruits and vegetables in India had reached upto 26 lakh tonnes in the beginning of 2008;

(b) if not, what was this capacity and what has been the average rate of annual increase in this capacity over the last four years; and

(c) the total number of industrial units that contributed to the present capacity of processing industry and the number of each of such units from micro, small, medium and macro industrial sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI) : (a) and (b) Industrial Capacity for processing of fruits and vegetables in India had reached 26.80 lakh tonnes in the beginning of year 2008.

(c) The categorization of industrial unit under Fruit Products Order, 1955 is based on annual production limit. The number of licensed units, according to annual production limit, is given below. (The categorization as micro, small, medium and macro industrial units is not given in Fruits Products Order, 1955).

Category	Annual production limit	No. of licensed units
1	2	3
Large Scale	Above 250 MT	656

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